





MEDIC

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BAD ORB -IX B

Was captured the 6th of January
1945.

Berga (ELSTER)

March 20, 1945. -

Yesterday our planes dropped leaf-
lets as well as bombs. -

6 men were sent to a British
Hospital. by orders of Dr. Meith.

We ran Side Call very smoothly

5 more men Escaped today -

Goldstein's body was returned here today
for burial. - He was shot while attempting
to Re-escape. So they say but actually was
recaptured and shot ~~down~~ the head (forehead).

March 21-1945. -

more planes came over today. -

Their bombs were dropped not very far
from here.

Another one of our boys is pretty low
today, he is not expected to live till Night

On this day we are expected to be moved to
a better conditioned barracks. - But seems
to me it will be too rough on our Hospital

patients.-

Als medics went down to the SS Kitchen for our food.- On our way back we were Surprised to meet a British Red Cross truck with Red Cross Packages for our men.- This was a very busy day.

March 22, 1945.-

On this first Day in the New Camp Pvt Schultz died of Malnutrition this makes the fourth man which die.

The weather is Beautiful and it looks like Spring which has finally come to Germany.

By this time back home I'd be suffering from Hay-fever

March 23, 1945

Something is in the wind.- Everything is so quiet.- We have not had any Air Alarms-in 3 days- Perhaps an Armistice - But that would be too much

to expect. - Still the Red Cross Packages have not been Released. Every one thinks of the Delicious food but most of the boys groaning to Smokes.

A surprising Rumor is the the men are to be taken out of the mines.

March 24, 1945. -

Today I received the only letter from my girl friend, the girl I am hoping to see when I get back. - I think a lot of her I won't forget; her name Solin Espinoza

Another of our boys died last night from mal-nutrition. - Red Cross Packages still remain under lock & key; we hope to get them out soon as possible to stop our men from dying especially those Invalid Diet will be for our men in our Hospital.

March 25, 1945. -

Palm Sunday. - No chances of

going to a church; but still our prayers
are holding everyone up.

This day it reminded me of the hun-
dreds of people attending mass at the
Cathedral in Durango Mexico. I wish I could
be there now.

March 26, 1945.

Red Cross packages were released
to us today and the boys are as happy
as kids. - I was just hoping as well
as the rest of our medics not to have a big
Stomach Call the following days with Stomach
ache. -

Greiz On the Elba was bombed it is only
16 km. away from here

March 27, 1945

This morning our medics got together
and ate Scrambled Eggs + Sausage from
our Red Cross Boxes Boy did we enjoy it.

Received very good News today - The Americans are 250 Km. from here and moving fast. -

March 28, 1945

2700 x
2800 x
On this day Steve Schweitzer was made Librarian and received some books from the Red Cross. We thanked God we had something decent to read.

Russian + American fronts are supposed to be 140 Km apart. - we are supposed to receive another Red Cross Packages Easter Sunday - Hope the Germans keep their promise this time. -

March 29, 1945. -

Holy Thursday as Amekies still bringing the coffee for our men. - 3 o'clock in the morning we go for coffee or tea - at 11.00 we march out for Soup hoping to it will be Potato Soup or Oat meal and at night we go for more coffee and bread is given out &

bitter (margarine) + marmalade.

Daily and on we pray very constantly for our loved ones back home no war news today but the general opinion is that it wont be too long.

March 30, 1945

Good Friday. - On this Holy Day our thoughts are all at home and of the future. Easter Sunday it is also the feast of Passover for our Jewish comrades + they also think of home + family.

From the French + Jewish underground we received good news - Americans are only 200 km. away from here - which means they are moving very fast.

March 31, 1945

Still more sick men are admitted to our hospital; the most serious cases are taken and the recovering are sent back to their

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Barracks -

Holy Saturday - Lenten Fast ends at noon today - But does not apply to us we have been fasting since December 31, 1944. Today we saw the biggest formation of our planes pass over this morning. - looks like they mean business.

APRIL 1, 1945. -

Easter Sunday. - Our men don't work today; thus Red Cross Boxes are given out

April 2, 1945

Two more of our men died today + one lost night makes 3 + 16 - makes 19; living in unsanitary conditions; water must be boiled before it is drunk.

No latrines. Deaths are increasing in great number. men forced to work in the mine whether they are ill or not.

April 3rd 1945.-

Excellent news today. - Americans are only 100 Km. from here. Rumors are that we have to be moved away.

April 4th 1945

Very Definite that we are moving away from here + on foot. - This isn't very good for our Sick men. No Drinking water + no latrines. -

April 6. 1945

Started on the March. - I rode along with the Sick men. Immediately at the Start of the march Stewart + young died. we rode for about 25 kms. to Gritz. + the men were pretty well beat up. We stayed in a former Russian lager for the night. - Wilson + Lowergan died during the night.



April 7, 1945

We are to walk 25 km today & the prospect of it frightens me.

April 8, 1945.-

The front is closing in on us & they are walking us away from it. The the ^{death march} from Basten could be worse than this. - From here on every day we marched we'd get to a barn and there we would spend the night

April 8, 1945

We marched 10 km today. - were supposed to go to the town of Hof. But we arrive to a big barn for our Air Corps were bombing that town continuously

We started out with 304 men from Derga - Elster - we now have 287 men.

April 10, 1945

We had better soup to eat at this barn. - but still we had more men dropping. - 500 lbs. of Potatoes was purchased by Stanley Cohen

April 11, 1945

Still living at this barn our planes flew over us. - Some fighters flew so low that the pilot could be seen in its cockpit. - Our Bread ration has been cut to 10 men on a loaf. and 22 men to a #10 can of meat.

April 12, 1945

Willis died this A.M. I was sent on the burying Detail. on our way Willy the German Guard me were hidden in the woods for our planes started strafing the rocks. -

Better news were given out by one of our guards. - Said that our boys were 60 kms from us.

April 13, 1945

No air Activity as yet today most of our men are over-Optimistic about liberation. -

Notice of lots of ground activity in the vicinity today. - Both Infantry & Artillery. - Bad news for us. - President Roosevelt's Death - ~~was~~ we all felt bad about it. - We held a prayer Service for the Repose of his soul. - Burleski died today #44. see page 42

April 14, 1945

Johnson died early this morning making #45

Still worst of all we are infested =

Body lice. -

April 15, 1945. -

We started on march again at 12:45 Pm. Later Kondt died at the start of the trip. - and was buried along the road 2 Km from Hof

We could now hear of Artillery. -
Drew a Ration of Bread meat & Marmalade for three days.

We kept on marching till we came to some barn which was so small most of us slept sitting up.

April. - 16 - 1945

Drew one days Ration of meat & marmalade. - Marched all Day till 7:00 Pm
Bedded down in another barn much too small to sleep in -

April. - 19. -

more of our men died - so fast that you couldn't keep track of their numbers. -

We kept on marching. - I fell back of the column to help the sick we were so far back that we lost our column's tracks. - It was dark then we couldn't find the way. - Our guards were lost they took us through fields and other roads so they gave up. They took one road and we took another one. -

We came to a barn that night, the people treated us very fine. Coffee was given to us and also bread. - They gave us a place to sleep in. - The next morning; hot coffee - milk and Hot Spuds was given to me and the fellows.

Medical Record.

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March 1 - 1945

My medical record begins with the following men.

25941 →

Prison No.	Name	Diagnosis	Remarks
First Pt. 24906	Camarda V.	Pneumonia	Self
1.	Rogers	Cardiac	Died 3.9-45
2. 25076	Wells	Pneumonia	
3. 25801	Watkins	Pneumonia	
4.	Houghton	Cardiac	Died 3.13-45
5. 26905	Harriage	Pneumonia	
6. 24838	Rosenberg	Pneumonia	+ Typhoid
7. 26097	Carter	Pneumonia	
8. 27542	Millstone	Pneumonia	Died 3.25-45
9. 26950	Green	Pneumonia	
11. 26916	Broe	Diphtheria	
12. 26468	Schultz	Grippe	Died 3.22-45
13. 24653	Rosen	Pneumonia	Died.

Prison No.	Name	Diag.	case.
30.- 27465	Rubenstein	Crispe	
31.- 25335	Wozniak	Dysentery	
32.- 24658	Felmann	Dysentery	
33.- 27030	Schmieser	Dysentery	
34.- 26889	Crain	Dysentery	
35.- 27018	Anderle	Dysentery	
36.- 26804	Stevens	Dysentery	Died 3-26-45
37.- 25251	Maglioro	U.C.	
38.- 25928	Goldberg	Malnutrition	Died 3-25-45
39.- 26162	Baron	Malnutrition	
40.- 26066	Moser	Pulmonary	
41.- 27010	Thompson	Malnutrition	
42.- 27128	Felmann	Malnutrition	
43.- 24316	Humphries	Malnutrition	Died 4-3-45
44.- 25074	Scrogge	Malnutrition	" 3-27-45
45.- 25786	Kelly	Stomach	

	Prison No.	Name	Diag.	case
46.	26091	Horton	Stomach	---
47.	25870	Culina	Jaundice + Stomach	---
48.	26588	Johnson	Jaundice	Died 4-1-45
49.	26481	Cantor	Mal Nutrition	Died 3-29-45
50.	25076	Wells	Possible Relapse of Muc.	---
51.	24451	Bikukius	Dysentery	---
52.	25943	Rowe	Cardiac	---
53.	26011	Irwin	Dysentery	---
54.	27047	Kohn	Cardiac	---
55.	27035	Dasher	Phn. Fever	---
56.	24631	Gilmore	Dysentery	---
57.	27121	Trachman	Jaundice	---
58.	24879	Clark	Cardiac	Died 4-2-45
59.	26091	Horton	Mal Nutrition	" 4-2-45
60.	26149	Farjohn	Dysentery	shid.
61.	26060	Smith	" "	" "
62.	26031	Burdedi	Lepthorax	Died 4-13-45
63.	27008	Wilson	Cepthoria	" 4-6-45
64.		Knicran	Mal Nutri.	" 4-6-45

Prison No.	Name	Relig.	Age.
65	Lonerger	Meth.	Died 4-6-45
66	Vincent	" "	" 4-7-45
67	Strada	" "	" 4-7-45
68	Dome	" "	" 4-8-45
69	Maxwell	" "	" 4-8-45
70	Saulzes	" "	" 4-8-45
71	Stewart	" "	" 4-5-45
72	Hamilton	" "	" 4-5-45
73-26331	Young	" "	" 4-5-45
74	Smith	" "	" 4-9-45
75	Vogel	" "	" 4-7-45
76	Wagner	" "	" 4-9-45
77	Sand	" "	" 4-7-45
78	Cohen I.	" "	" 4-8-45
79	Quinn	" "	" 4-8-45
80	Kessler	" "	" 4-9-45
81	Lahr	" "	" 4-8-45
82	Gladzinski	" "	" 4-7-45
83	Willis	" "	" 4-8-45
84	Burkeski	" "	" 4-8-45

Correct number of deaths

1. - Rogers. 3-9-45 24. - Krivan. - 4-6-45
2. - Young. - 26138 - 3-12-45 25. - Sorenson. - 4-6-45
3. - Sifney. - 25951 - 3-14-45
4. - Goldstein. - 23758 - 3-10-45
5. - Inrobato. - 25084 - 3-21-45
6. - Shultz. - 26468 - 3-22-45
7. - Schneider. - 27030 - 3-24-45
8. - Goldberg. - 25928 - 3-25-45
9. - Willstone. - 27542 - 3-25-45
10. - Scruggs. - 25074 - 3-27-45
11. - Cantor. - 26481 - 3-29-45
12. - Gornac. - - - 3-22-45
13. - Snyder. - - - 3-22-45
14. - Rosen. - 24653 - 3-13-45
15. - Haugton. - - - 3-15-45
16. - Anshorstar. - 26153 - 3-20-45
17. - Johnson. - 26588 - 4-1-45
18. - Horton. - 26091 - 4-2-45
19. - Clark. - 24879 - 4-2-45
20. - Humphries. - 24316 - 4-3-45
21. - Rubenstein. - 27465 - 4-3-45
22. - Claffy. - 26572 - 4-6-45
23. - Wiland. - 27008 - 4-6-45

- 50.- Cooper. - 4-15-45
51.- Asher - 4-15-45
52.- Brenn - 4-15-45
53.- Wilderman. - 4-15-45
54.- Korkuty. - 4-15-45
55.- Wilsap. - 4-16-45
56.- Weller. - 4-16-45
57.- Zaragoza. - 4-17-45 - 26573
58.- Venzel. - 4-17-45
59.- Christensen - 4-17-45
60.- Levitt. - 4-17-45
61.- Hansen. - 4-17-45
62.- Rowe. - 4-17-45
63.- Kelly. - 4-17-45
64.- Bert J. - 4-17-45
65.- Rothman. - 4-18-45
66.- Breeding. - 4-18-45
67.- Borken. - 4-18-45

April 20, 21, 22, 1945

Day & night it rained everyone was wet from top to bottom. -

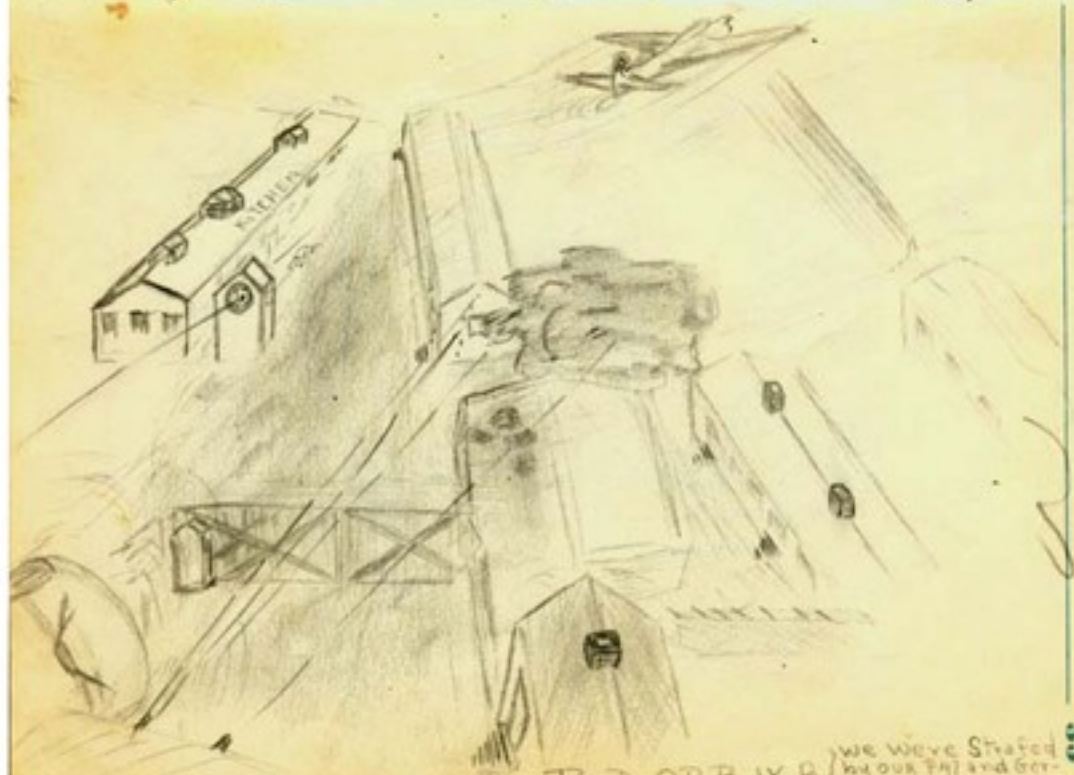
We marched and as we walked along the road you could see men which had been shot through the head these were Political Prisoners every 25 yard intervals there layed 3 or 4 men. - men that couldnt make the march had to drop out then were shot. -

On mid nite, the 22 of April we arrived to a barn; there they gave us hot cooked Spuds. - We slept that nite till next morning, hot tea was given out. -

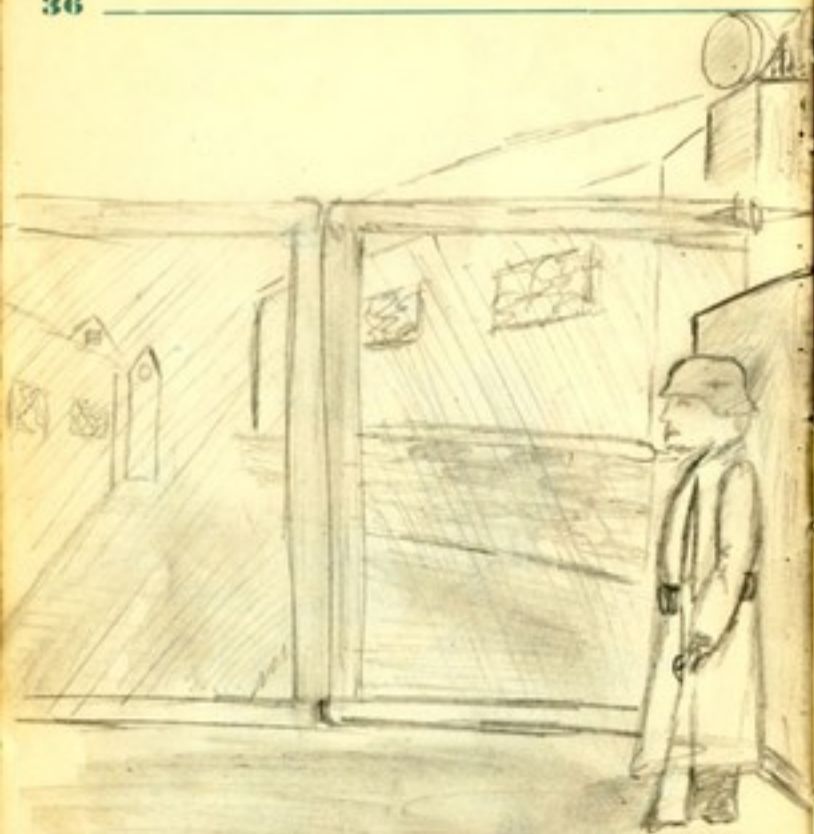
Our Bread ration + meat. - 5 men to a loaf + 5 to can of meat. - by 11:30 + 12:00 pea soup was given out boy it was a great while not having something to eat.

I was waiting in line for seconds in soup when one of our interpreters cried out that we were to move out immediately pretty soon we start hearing short arm fire in the distance & from other camps. - We knew that was our boys so we all decided to play act. That was to act every one could it walls; I myself lied there on the floor with straw on me the German guards yelled at us. Rause. Rause! (Up lets go). - But every man stayed right in their own bed; the Captain pulled out his pistol at our interpreter because our men wouldn't move. -

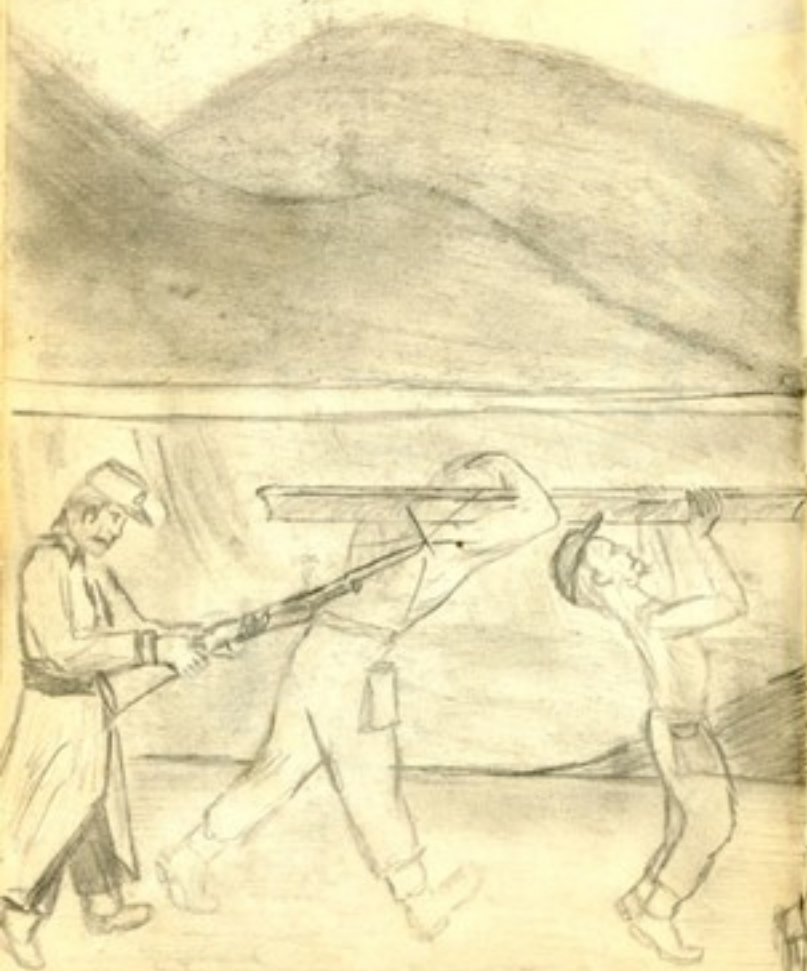
The Captain and a lieutenant came up to me and told me to get out. - and I said to them. - - - - -



BAD ORB IXB we were strafed
by our FAI and Ger-
man planes. Feb 6, 1945



Bad ORB IXB
Feb 26, 45



AT BERGA
MARCH 15, 1945

Reference from page 19. - April 13, 1945
Burdeski died today at age 41, we knew he
had left a family of 7.

Worst part it left us with a bitter feeling
another medic and I wanted to perform
a quick emergency operation on Burdeski
for he had diphtheria, we knew that the
germans were sending the most sick to a
British hospital. The idea was to put a
trachea so that he could breathe. The
germans did not let us so we got
upset. we said they were going to kill
him and the german guard swung
his rifle at me and my buddy
hitting us with the butt in the face
cracked me of my front tooth and swung
back at my buddy his glasses dropped
The german guard crushed them with
his foot - Burdeski did not survive
to the hospital



There were days in Prison Camp when we thought our liberation would never come or that our bodies would resist any more. While in prison guards used to tell us that we were being fed cat and dog meat.

But one very sure thing the water from Berga (or Black Water from sewage) was given to us to drink; thus this produced more dysentery which weakened the lives of my fellow prisoners.

On every march, when ever we stopped to get some water from some creek or river - as we would be feeling our canteens the German guards would kick our canteens from our hands, thus all that water would be thrown away.



Self-induced-Starvation —

The Germans alternately commend and scold. Unlike the Americans & Englishmen, who consider it sporting to exert their full strength against weaker opponents, Germans always called themselves *bavardiers* as brutal ruthless towards their inferiors. Thus this resembles to paranoia.

Psychology teaches us that suffering is an important part of experience.